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### PROBLEMS.

35. Proposed by B. F. FINKEL, A. M., Professor of Mathematics and Physics in Drury College, Spring-field. Missouri.

Find the chance that the distance of two points within a square shall not exceed a side of the square.

[Byerly's Integral Calculus, p. 209.]

36. Proposed by O. W. ANTHONY, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, New Windsor College, New Windsor, Maryland.

A box contains  $n^*$  blocks numbered from 1 to  $n^*$ . What is the probability that two consecutive numbers will be adjacent?

# DIOPHANTINE ANALYSIS.

Conducted by J. M. COLAW, Monterey, Va. All contributions to this department should be sent to him.

#### DIOPHANTUS' EPITAPH.

Translated by Rev. WRIGHT G. CAMPBELL, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages, Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Here Diophantus has a mound which to you, with wonderful art, signifies the times of his life.

One-sixth part he lived a youth; then, in the twelfth part, slowly he began to clothe his cheeks.

In the seventh part after these, he was joined to a wife; and in the fifth year, a beautiful boy was born.

After he had attained half of the paternal age, he unhappy seized by sudden death, died.

Four summers the surviving father was compelled to mourn.

From this you may ascertain his years. Contributed by F. P. Matz.

## SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS.

Note.—The comment on page 285 of last issue should have been credited to M. A. Gruber, War Department, Washington, D. C.

27. Proposed by J. W. NICHOLSON, LL. D., President, and Professor of Mathematics, Louisiana State University and A. and M. College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Required a formula for finding five integers the sum of whose cubes is a cube.